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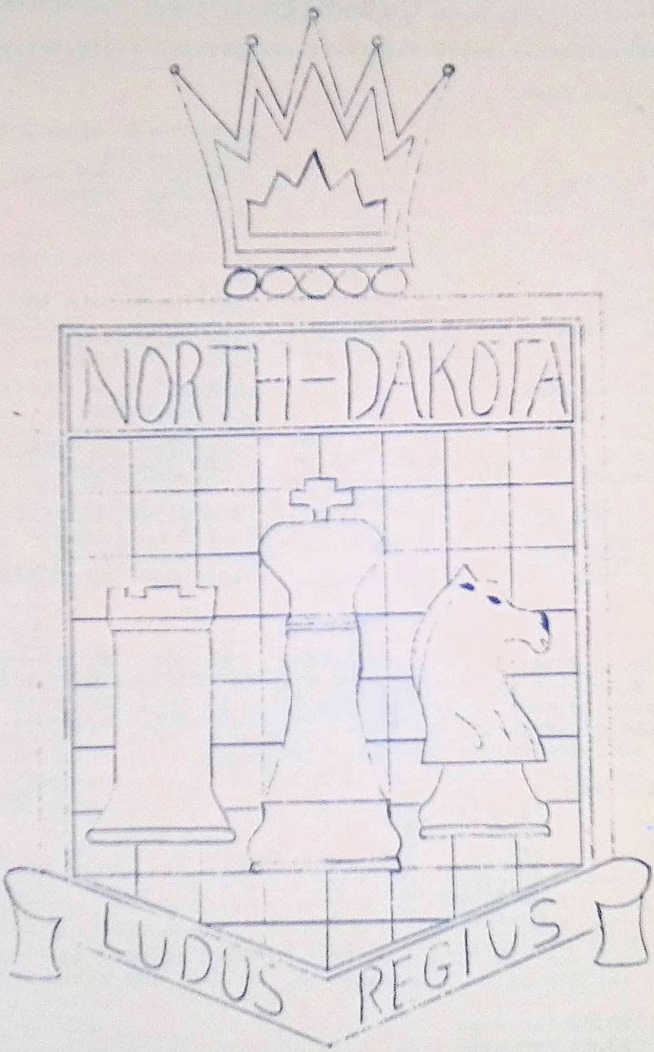

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Changes

For those of you who are interested, the NDCA Newsletter editing duties have been shifted to Brent Askvig in Minot. If you have any information for the next newsletter or just have comments or suggestions for the next issue, please contact him at the address listed in the front cover.

Ideas

With the cold weather coming upon us (sooner than we would like!), we will once again be in the midst of North Dakota's chess season. One idea to spice up a weekend and put a little different flavor in your chess menu could be an Insanity tourney. An Insanity tournament is usually started at an odd hour (12-01AM) with all the rounds played at different rates (13/21, 23/48, etc.) and various other subtleties added. Also, the tourney generally covers a 24 hour period. Obviously, these tournaments are not rated, but they should be a lot of fun!! Let me know if anyone plans something like this, as I know of 2 or 3 players who would play tomorrow.

National Chess Day

National Chess Day is planned for October 5, 1985 across the United States. This is our chance to support chess in the Public eye. Plan to hold a tournament that day with a lot of media coverage, hold an exhibition in a local mall, hold an unrated tournament and Give away a USCF membership. Get out and support UE and ND chess on October 5!!

Championship Chess

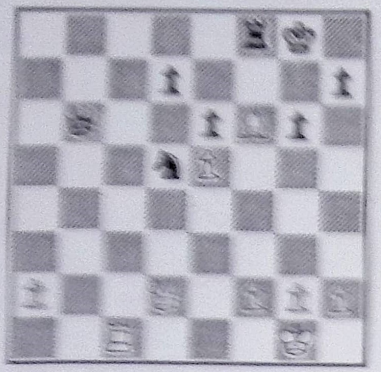
Prairie Public Television has informed the NDCA that the World Chess Championships will again be aired across the state. They currently plan ten shows beginning on Saturday, September 7 at 1:30PM. Each show will last one-half hour. Tune in and watch the action. Consult your local viewing schedule for the channel and time in your region. (Does anyone care to bet that they won't finish the match in the alloted 10 shows!??)

Scholastic Committee

The Scholastic Committee has completed the application for the USCF State Affiliate Support Program (SASP) funds to be used to support ND scholastic chess. If you know of any school program that would benefit from this program, contact Brent Askvig, committee chairman.

Postal Chess

The 1986 N.D. Postal Championships will begin in January, 1986. If you are interested in playing or have any suggestions on the format, prizes, whatever, contact Brent Askvig before the next Newsletter deadline. Watch for the announcement in the next issue.



You are invited to play Chess!

Queen City Open

September 7 & 8, 1985.

* Ivanhoe Inn (Western Room, downstairs)
22 East Villard
Dickinson, North Dakota.
58601

The city of Dickinson, with a population of 19,000+, is located in the uthwestern portion of North Dakota. The "Queen City" of the Prairies is sily accessible by major highways, including Interstate 94. - The Ivanhoe n in Downtown Dickinson, features hotel rooms, a 24-hr. restaurant, and a r/lounge for your convenience.

* Registration *

Queen City Open in 2 tournament sections: 9:00 am, Sat., Sept. 7

Open Section, USCF rated
ayers must have current USCF mem- rship. North Dakota residents must ve current NDCA membership also.

try fee: (only!) $12.00

unds: #1 - 10:00, #2 - 2:00, and - 7:00. Rd. #4 - Sunday @ 10:00, d #5 - 3:00.

me Control: 45/2; 15/30.

izes: Trophy to 1st, & 2nd overall, ld medals to class winners. Plus sh prizes distributed, based on nber of entries!

urnament is a 5-round Swiss sys- . Please bring your USCF ID, t CHESS CLOCKS.

Novice/Unrated Section
This section catered to new or unrated USCF players. (experienced players also can play in lower section, if desired.)

Entry fee: $5.00

Rounds: 4 games, Saturday only. Rd. #1 - 10:00, #2 - 1:00, #3 - 4:00, and round #4 - 7:00.

Time Control: No time clocks, players will have "2½ hr. limit" to play game.

Prizes: 1st place wins 1 yr. memberships into U.S. Chess Federation, and North Dakota Chess Association. Other prizes based on number of entries.

Note: At least 5 players are needed for this section, for event to start.

y at the IVANHOE INN!
ates: Single room, $15.95.
Double room, $19.95.
ll for reservation: 227-0121.

Send pre-entries to: LaMoyne Splichal
141 East 5th, Dickinson, ND 58601.
* Ph: 225-8395, on more info from the tournament director.

September USCF Rating Supplement will be used for rating purposes.

Queen City Open Pre-registration

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_____ Entry fee: _____

Other fees: _____

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But will it play in Grand Forks?

by Jon C. Lewis

Time was when leading chessmasters crisscrossed the nation each year (usually during the winter and spring seasons), giving simultaneous exhibitions in cities and hamlets alike. Tournaments were less frequent and less remunerative in those days, so the masters depended on their annual tours as an important source of income. Many older chess fans still have fond memories of the visits of such stars as Horowitz, Koltanowski, Reshevsky, Adams, Denker, et.al. to their hometown clubs in days gone by. Such tours are much less frequent in these 1980's than they were thirty to fifty years ago, and many younger players have never had the opportunity to look horse with a top-flight master in simultaneous play.

That has been the case especially in North Dakota, as few barnstormers ever scheduled exhibitions here! There have been a few notable exceptions over the decades, however, and in this article we take a brief look at a North Dakota appearance by one of the strongest of them all: the legendary Harry Nelson Pillsbury.

Pillsbury, a Boston-area native born in 1872 and died in 1906, held the United States championship from 1897 until his death and represented the country in many international events abroad. His greatest success came at Hastings, England, in 1895 when he took a fine first place ahead of the world's best.

During his many tours he became famous for his ability to play both chess and checkers simultaneously blindfold, to indulge in a game of whist while so doing, and at the same time to recite from memory long lists of jaw-breaking words both forward and backward!

It is not known that Pillsbury ever played cards or recited tongue-twisters in North Dakota, but he did play chess and checkers at Grand Forks on February 3, 1900. Pillsbury had given exhibitions at Minneapolis and St. Paul during the previous few days and made a quick journey to this state before moving on to Chicago and Paris.

Pillsbury's exact results in Grand Forks are unclear, but it is known that he played twenty-some games in all and did not suffer a loss at either chess or checkers. There were two or three draws, one of which ran as follows:

Harry N. Pillsbury (blindfold) vs. J.E. Lewis Grand Forks, February 3, 1900

1.P-K4 P-K4 2.P-KB4 PxP 3.N-KB3 P-Q3 4.P-Q4 P-KN4 5.P-KR4 P-N5 6.N-N5 P-KB3 7.BxP PxN 8.PxP N-K2 9.B-K2 N-N3 10.B-K3 Q-K2 11.N-B3 P-B3 12.BxP BxB 13.QxB N-Q2 14.O-O-O O-O-O 15.N-K2 K-N1 16.N-N3 N-N3 17.N-B5 Q-QB2 18.P-KN3 P-B4 19.PxP PxP 20.RxR+ QxR 21.R-Q1 Q-B2 22.B-B4 NxB 23.PxN P-B5 24.P-B3 N-R5 25.P-K5 Q-N3 26.R-Q2 NxNP 27.RxN B-R6 28.Q-N2 BxR+ 29.QxB Q-N8+ 30.K-B2 Q-B7+ 31.K-N1 QxP 32.N-Q6 P-N3 33.Q-N5 QxN 34.Q-Q7 Q-N7 35.N-N5 Q-QN2 36.Q-Q6+ K-B1 37.Q-K6+ Q-Q2 38.NxP+ K-B2 39.QxBP+K-N2 40.N-N5 Q-Q8+ 41.K-N2 Q-Q7+ 42.K-N1 Q-Q2 43.N-Q6+ K-N1 44.Q-Q4Q-B3 45.P-K6 R-KB1 46.P-K7 R-N1 47.P-K8(Q)+ RxQ 48.NxR QxN 49.Q-B4+ DRAW

No, I can't explain why Pillsbury didn't just play 49.QxP+, but it would no doubt have been a draw anyway. An exciting tussle and a feather in the cap for Mr. Lewis, one of the few North Dakotans ever to draw a game with such an eminent player.

On Positions ... by Michael Sprague

TO DRAW??

Lyle Hanson (1918) - Michael Sprague (1686) Rd. 5. N.D. Open 1983
Sure, now Black would like to draw this, but there seems to be small chance of that. It is not so much the loss of the K-Pawn as the loss of control. I appreciated that Lyle would launch a K-side attack... 19...Qc7 20.Ne4! Re6 21.Rd2 Bh6?! (Actually, anything is playable here as nothing can slow or stop what is coming.) 22.Rfd1 Rf8 (First rule: Be calm, maybe your opponent will misplay it.) 23.Rd8?!
(Objectionable, for A. it fails to use White's large spatial advantage, B. the power of the doubled Rooks on the open file is gone, but mostly C. it exchanges pieces and eases the defender's task ...Second rule! Anyway, there is 23.Ng6+ or Nd5 or best of all, Rd3! with the idea of 24.f5! If 23...Bg6 then 24.Qg3! renewing the threat of f5.) Bg7 24.R:f8+ B:f8 25.Rd8 Kg7 26.Ng5 Bc5+ (See, the bishop lives! I began to take heart. A Pawn down endgame is not an automatic loss.) 27.Kf1 Re7 28.Qd1 Rd7! (Rule #2 again. "It's too late to say you're sorry!") 29.R:d7 Q:d7 30.Q:d7 N:d7 31.Ne4 Be3! (Certainly no need to play passively!) 32.g3 Nac5 33.N:c5 B:c5 34.Ke2 Kf8 35.g4 Be7 36.B93! Bc5 (Lyle quite rightly stops exchanging. His bishop is a little better off than a Pawn.) 37.Kf3 Bd4 38.Ke4 Bc3 39.f5! Ke7 40.Bh4+ f6! (The only move.) 41.e6 Nc5+ 42.Kf3 g5 43.Bf2 b6?! 44.h4 h6 45.h:g5 h:g5 46.B:c5+ 1/2 - 1/2
For those of you who wish to research this further, I heartily recommend the book THE ART OF DEFENSE IN CHESS by A. Soltis.

Pawn Wars '85 - III August 18, 1985 Joe Gaspner, TD

1	John Leibel	1935	W 8	W 7	D 2	2.5
2	Rick Case	1742	W10	W 3	D 1	2.5
3	Bruce Davidson	1863	L 5	W10	W 8	2
4	Ron Schauer	1812	W 6	W 5	withdrew	2
5	Ludvine Spichal	1833	W 3	L 4	W 9	2
6	Joe Gaspner	1459	L 4	bye	W 7	2
7	Brent McVay	1781	W11	L 1	L 6	1
8	Cliff Berger	1583	L 1	W11	L 3	1
9	Steve Lenzenfelder	1411	bye	L 2	L 5	1
10	Mike Sailer	1148	L 2	- 3	W11	1
11	Jim Jones	NEW	L 7	L 8	L10	0

Prizes: First - Leibel and Case $10.75 each
Under 1700 - Spichal and Gaspner $10.75 each

Here are three games from the 1984 N.D. Postal champion, Andy King. Andy is now living in Plainsboro, N.J. working at a Pharmaceutical research lab. He was impressed by the toughness of the games in the Postal tourney. He said, "While you may play the same people alot, the people, camraderie, were great ...".

Andy King - Robert Laux-Bachand
1984 N.D. Postal Championships
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Nb8 (The Breyer Variation. It looks strange and I've seen it possibly only once before, against a character some of you may remember, the infamous Ted Halstead!) 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2 c5 13.Nf1 d5 14.d:e5 N:e4 15.Ne3 Nb6 16.Nf5 (I learned from someone that this is often strong in the Lopez.) h6 17.Nh2 Bb5?! (Black has trouble now. Maybe ...Qd7 was better.) 18.f4 Bh4 19.Qg4! g5 20.N:h6+ Kh7 21.Qh5 Qe8 (If 21...B:e1 22.Nf5+ Kg8 23.Qh6 Bf2+ 24.Kf1 N:g3+ 25.K:f2 N:f5 26.B:f5 and mates next move.) 22.Nf5+ 1 - 0

John Wetsch - Andy King
1984 N.D. Postal Championships
1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 d6 3.Bd3 g6 4.Nd2 Bg7 5.f4 0-0 6.Ngf3 Nc6 7.c3 e5 8.f:e5 d:e5 9.0-0! (9.d:e5? Ng4 regains the Pawn with the better game.) Re8?! (9...Bg4 10.h3 B:f3 11.R or Q:f3 Qe7 looks better.) 10.Bc2 b6? (The bishop doesn't belong on this diagonal.) 11.Ng5! h6 12.Nge4 Nd5 (12...Bb7 13.N:f6 B:f6 14.Qf3 N:d4! 15.Q:f6 16.R:f6 N:c2 advantage Black.) 13.Qf3! Qd7 (...Be6!) 14.Bb3 Nce7? 15.Q:f7+ Kh8 16.B:d5 N:d5 17.Q:d7?! (I like 17.Q:g6 with the threat of Rf7 better, and White must be winning. The text gives Black some compensation for the Pawn.) b:d7 18.Nc4 e:d4 19.Rf7 Bb5 20.Ncd6?! (Giving up 2 excellent Knights for a R and P.) c:d6 21.N:d6 Bc6 22.N:e8 B:e8 (Driving the Rook, gaining a tempo and initiative.) 23.Rf3 d:c3 24.b:c3 N:c3 25.Kh1 Ne4 26.Rb1 Rd8 27.Ba3 K98 (Fortifying f8, vs. doubling Rooks on the f file.) 28.Rc1 Bf7 29.Rf4 Nc3 30.Rcf1 B:a2 31.Bb2 Bd5? (Nd5!) 32.B:c3 B:c3 33.e4 Bc4 (The bishops do a nice job of limiting the Rooks and helping the pawns advance.) 34.Rb1 b5 35.h3 a5 36.Rf3 b4 37.Rc1 a4 38.Rf:c3 b:c3 39.R:c3 Bb3 40.e5 a3! 41.e6 (41.R:b3 a2! 42.Ra3 Rd1+ 43.Kh2 a1=Q) a2 42.e7 a1=Q 43.Kh2 Re8 0 - 1

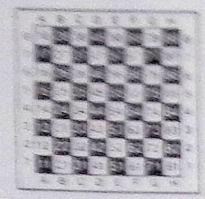
LaMoyne Splichal - Andy King
1984 N.D. Postal Championships
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Bb5?! (A new idea. Nf3 is usual.) Bd7 6.B:c6 B:c6 7.Nf3 Nh6 (...Bb5?!) 8.h3 Nf5 9.0-0 h5 10.Nbd2 Be7 11.d:c5! B:c5 12.Nb3 Ba4 13.Nfd4 N:d4? (13...B:d4 14.d:c4 keeping the knight and threatening Qh4.) 14.c:d4 Be7 15.Qf3 b6 16.Bd2 g5 17.Rac1 g4? (This is a very speculative Pawn sac, leading to a clear result; I'm a Pawn down!!) 18.h:g4 h:g4 19.Q:g4 Kd7 20.Qg7! (I didn't see this until days after I'd sent the Pawn sac card. It is very strong and refutes the sacrifice.) Qg8 (Forced.) 21.Q:g8 Ra:g8 22.Rc3 Rc8 23.Rfc1 R:c3 24.R:c3 Rc8 25.R:c8 (Rg3 may be better.) K:c8 26.Nc1 Bb5 (Limiting the knight and king.) 27.b3 a5 28.a4 Ba6 (the reason for a5.) 29.g3 Kd7 30.f4 (White's last 2 moves give him a Pawn structure that severely restricts his bishop.) Ba3! (this moves saves a losing game and the bishops come alive. White's knight is essentially trapped with the bishop tied to its defense. The threat is 31.Kf2, Be3 or g4 B:c1 32.B:c1 Bd3 with Bc2 and Bb3 to follow.) 31.Na2 (b4?!) Bd3 32.b4 Bc4 33.b:a5 B:a2 34.a:b6 (Two connected passed Pawns; however they can both be won by the bishops and king working together.) Bb2 35.Kf2 (35. Be3 Bc3 followed by Bb3 and Kc6.) B:d4+ 36.Be3 Bc3! 37.b7 Kc7 38.b8=Q+ K:b8 39.Bb6 Kb7 40.a5 Ka6 41.Ke3 Bb1 42.g4 B:a5 43.B:a5 (43.Bc5 Bc3 followed by Kb5, Kc4, and d4.) K:a5 0 - 1
This was the first French in my life where the last piece left was the miserable light squared bishop that I didn't lose!

ICCF INFORMATION

Introduction

Welcome to the world of international correspondence chess! In this sheet I will be discussing various activities of the International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF).

To help overcome the language barrier, ICCF uses a numerical notation system for making the moves. Each of the 64 squares has a two digit number, and the move is made by showing these two digits. For example, 7263 is NIF (algebraic) or N-KB3 (English descriptive). See illustration below:



ICCF-U.S. Secretary

The USCF-U.S. Secretary acts under the aegis of the United States Postal Chess Federation (USPCF), which was formed in June 1980 as an "umbrella" to represent the U.S. correspondence chess organizations:

(1) The United States Chess Federation (USCF),

(2) The Correspondence Chess League of America (CCLA),

(3) The USA-Air Service Postal Chess Club (ASPC) and

(4) Tournament Postal Chess (TAPC).

American Postal Chess Tournaments (APCT) was a member organization at one point, and may have rejoined by the time you are reading this. We will continue to honor the APCT membership of individual players for the purposes of ICCF participation until June 30, 1981.

There is a different office for every major activity of the ICCF: Ascension tournaments, the Team Olympiad, other Team Tournaments, the World Championship Cycle, the Ladies World Championship, Thematic Tournaments, etc. Entries into all events are processed through the ICCF-U.S. Secretary (for U.S. players).

For example, I continuously receive from individuals their orders for Ascension tournament sections, consolidate them and forward the list to Professor Ragnar Wikman in Finland. Wikman receives lists from around the world, makes the section assignments, and mails the U.S. and Canada sections back to me. I then sort it out, add the rules booklet and a set of score sheets, and mail a packet to each player. Current experience is showing a two to three months' time lapse from the time I receive your order to the time I mail out your assignment packet.

Ascension Tournaments

The principal sections which you can order at this time are the Ascension Tournaments. ASCENSION is, in fact, the main path to the top for the improving player! The Ascension Classifications are: Master Class, Higher Class, Class I, Class II, and Class III. Most sections are seven player round robins for a total six games. An exception is the Master Class "Grand Tournament" (GT) with fifteen players (total fourteen games). Winning a Class tournament makes you eligible to advance to the next level. But when you win two 7-player Master Class Tournaments, or win one GT tournament, you qualify into the WORLD SEMI-FINALS! Your opponents in the Ascension sections will normally come from Europe and include from one to three players (either MM or IM), but don't be surprised to meet a countryman, or possibly another American!

Which ICCF Class?

Use the rating conversion scale to determine which ICCF Class you should start in, based on the rating in your PRIMARY organization:

USCF Postal (and Telegraphic)	CCLA/APCT (and Telegraphic)	ICCF Over the Board	ICCF Class
2200 and Up	2150 and Up	2200 and Up	Master Class
1600 - 2199	1550 - 2149	2000 - 2199	Higher Class
1200 - 1599	700 - 899	1800 - 1999	Class I
900 - 1199	500 - 699	1600 - 1799	Class II
Below 900	Below 500	Below 1600	Class III

To Place an Order

Please use the ORDER FORM! I can process your order without it, but it is easier if you will use it.

On your receipt of the assignment, the Tournament Secretary (TS) takes over and you, the player, must keep contact with all active opponents and with your assigned TS. When you finish the section, advancement is not automatic - you must place another order through me.

Friendly Team Matches

We make regular contact with other countries to arrange friendly international matches!

The match will usually involve two games, one white and one black. International ICCF numeric is mostly used, but sometimes opponents will agree to international algebraic. Regular ICCF rules (10 moves in 30 days, etc) apply. Airmail is required between continents. A friendly match can be an excellent way for the newcomer to adapt to the slower pace of international play. These games last about 24 to 30 months.

Team members should maintain contact not only with their respective opponent but also with the U.S. International Team Match Captain.

We began the 30-board match with Norway in March 1980, the 100-board match with the German Federal Republic in July 1980, and the 15-board match with Singapore in August 1980. We expect to begin matches with the Netherlands and Spain in the Spring of 1981. The dates for the matches with Australia and with Italy-USSR are not yet firmed up! Other matches will be coming up, and they may be added to the order form.

Title-Norm Team Tournaments

The 1980-87 period will bring half a dozen opportunities for the U.S. to enter a team into a title-norm tournament. If you are invited to represent the United States, it could involve your being on a small team against eight or more other national teams. This type of play is VERY INTENSIVE and definitely involves ACCURATE RECORD-KEEPING. It is an achievement of itself merely to stay to the end and complete all your games! Also, by attaining a certain percentile on your board you can earn a half-norm towards the title of International Master.

The selection procedure is based on your: (1) being a Master player and (2) sending in an application to me, outlining your qualifications. The MASTER SELECTION COMMITTEE (two each from USCF, CCLA and APCT) will evaluate all applications which have been received by the deadline, and assign a numerical score. The ICCF-U.S. Secretary takes the six scores and calculates a COMPOSITE SCORE, from which the MASTER SELECTION LIST is made. Invitations will then be based on that list.

Prepared by Robert A. Karch
ICCF-U.S. Secretary

Invitational Tournaments

These are individual tournaments which help to propel the individual much more quickly into the World Championship Cycle. Player selection will now be based on the MASTER SELECTION LIST.

World Cup VI Now Open!

The ICCF World Cup is a special three-round, nine-year event - a "long shot" that is open to ANY PLAYER of the world, regardless of class! The winner and the runner-up qualify into the 1/4 FINALS of the World Championship Cycle!

World Cup VI is now open for entries, and should start in September 1985. It will be organized by DSB (German Democratic Republic).

Thematic Tournaments

These are five-player sections, two games with each opponent. The opening moves are mandatory. It takes longer (than the Ascension tournaments) to fill these sections. Also, it is more likely that one of your four opponents will be another American.

Keeping Informed on the ICCF

The player has the obligation to keep himself or herself informed! It is not the responsibility of the Ascension Tournament Secretary to send you regular updates on the progress of your section, game by game results (all Ascension classes) and the crosstables for master class sections are reported in FERNSCHACH and in RESULTS SHEETS.

FERNSCHACH is the "official" ICCF chess magazine, in the German language, which is published twelve issues per year (one is a double issue). The magazine contains games, analysis, articles about chess personalities, and full reports on all ICCF events (except Correspondence).

ICCF RESULTS SHEETS is a monthly "tournament reporter" bulletin in English which carries the ICCF complete set of FERNSCHACH magazine, but also the Olympiad.

The CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP is the official ICCF publication. Ten issues per year, which carries an ICCF ANNUAL REPORT, plus news of U.S. player progress in the Olympiad, Master Class Tournaments, World Championship Cycle, International Matches, etc. For information: CCLA, PO Box 363, Decatur, Illinois 62525.

The APCT BULLETIN is the official APCT monthly, which usually carried an "ICCF NOTES" column by Ted Loetscher. For information: APCT, PO Box 302, Western Springs, Illinois 60558.

CHESS LIFE is the official USCF monthly publication, which carries a column by Alex Dunne: "The Quick Is In The Mail". For information: USCF, 186 Route 9W, New Windsor, NY 12550.

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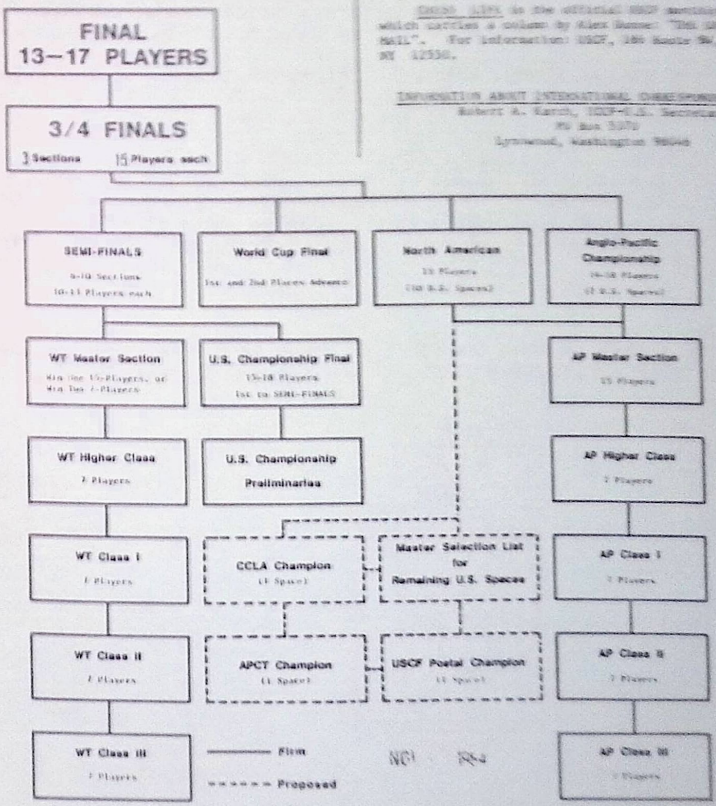


Did You Know ??

by Brent Askvig

Frank J. Marshall (1877 - 1944)

- Frank Marshall was the founder of the now famous Marshall Chess Club in New York.

- Marshall was known for his ability to turn defeat into victory with a brilliant combination when everything appeared hopeless with his many famous "Marshall Swindles".

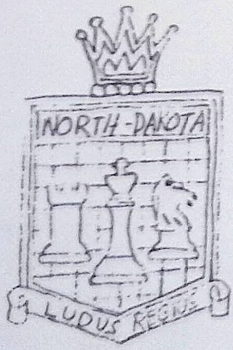
- Always a promoter of chess, Marshall decided not to defend his title in 1936 in order to devote more of his time to the rising talent of the young players in the country.

- Marshall was once described by LIFE magazine as "a preoccupied old gentleman, who looks like a Shakespearean actor, smokes strong cigars, and always takes a pocket board to bed with him."

- In his one chance at the World Championship title, Marshall lost to Lasker in 1907 by a score of 0 - 8 - 7.

Marshall - Burn Ostend, 1905 Giuoco Piano
1.P-K4 P-K4 2.N-KB3 N-QB3 3.B-B4 B-B4 4.P-B3 N-B3 5.P-Q4 PxP 6.PxP B-N5+ 7.K-B1?! NxKP 8.P-Q5 N-K2 9.Q-Q4 N-KB3 10.B-KN5 N-N3 11.QN-Q2 P-KR3? 12.R-K1+ K-B1 13.B-Q3! B-K2 14.B(Q3)xN RPxB 15.N-K5!! PxB 16.NxNP+ K-B2 17.RxB+ KxN 18.Q-Q3+ K-R3 19.P-KR4!! P-N5 20.P-R5!! NxP 21.Q-B5 1 - 0

Next Issue:
Marshall once said of this Polish immigrant to Paris, "He follows the wrong path with more determination than any man I ever met."



Games

TAXCO INTERZONAL

me name: Timman - Cebalo

c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 e5 4 00 Nge7 5 c3 a6 6 Ba4 b5 7 Bc2 Bb7 8 Re1 d5
d4 10 Be4 Ng6 11 cxd4 cxd4 12 d3 Be7 13 Nbd2 00 14 Nb3 Qb6 15 h4
15 h5 Nf8 17 Nfxd4 Nxd4 18 Be3 Bxe4 19 Bxd4 Nb7 20 Rxe4 Nd5 21 Bc3
22 Bxb4 Bxb4 23 Rxb4 Qxe3 24 d4 Nd5 25 Qe2 Nde7 26 Rd4 a5 27 Qe2 Qxh5
Qxa5 Rxa5 29 Qxa5 Qe2 30 Qd2 Qxd2 31 Nxd2 Rc2 32 Ne4 Rxb2 33 a4 Kf8 34
Ke7 35 Kf1 Ke7 36 Ke2 f5 37 Nc5 Nxc5 38 dxc5 Kd7 39 a6 Ra7 40 Nd3 Rc6
Rc4 e5 42 Ra1 Rxa6 43 Rd6 Kb7 44 Rxa6 exd4 45 Kd3 Kb7 46 Kd6 1-0]

me name: Spraggett - Speelman

4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 d5 6 cxd5 Nxd5 7 Qc2 Nxc3 8
3 Na7 9 Bb5 Nf6 10 e4 a6 11 Bd3 h6 12 Bxf6 gxf6 13 00 Bg7 14 Bc2 00
Radl Qe7 16 Rfe1 Rfd8 17 d5 f5 18 Qb3 fxe4 19 Bxe4 Qf6 20 dxe6 Bxe4 21
Rxd8 22 Rxe4 fxe6 23 Rxe6 Qf7 24 h4 Bxb2 25 Re3 Bg7 26 Re7 Qf6 27
Ndl 28 Ne1 Qe5 29 Rxg7 [1-0]

MAGIC CITY CC 30/30

me name: Case - Askvig

4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 d4 exd4 5 00 d6 6 Nxd4 Ne5 7 Bb3 Be7 8 f4
9 Nc3 a6 10 Be3 b5 11 Nc6 Qd7 12 Nxe7 Nxe7 13 e5 dxe5 14 fxe5 Qc6 15
5 Rb7 16 Qf3 Qxf3 17 gxf3 Nf5 18 Rfe1 gxf6 19 Bc5 Kd8 20 Rad1 Kc8 21
Nh4 22 Kf2 Nxf3 23 Re3 Rxe3 24 Bxe3 Nh2 25 Be7 [1-0]

me name: Laux-Bachand - Askvig

4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bc4 h6 4 d3 Nc6 5 Be3 d5 6 exd5 Nxd5 7 Bb5 a6 8 Nxe
3 9 Bxc6 bxc6 10 fxe3 Qh4 11 Kf1 Qf6 12 Qf3 Qxe5 13 Qxc6 Kd8 14 Qxa8
2 15 Qd5 Bd6 16 Qd4 Qxc2 17 Na3 Qc5 18 Qxg7 Be5 19 d4 Bxg7 20 dxc5
1 [0-1]

PAWN WARS III - 85

me name: Leitel - Askvig

4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f4 b6 5 e5 dxe5 6 fxe5 Nd5 7 Bc4 Bb7 8 Qf3
9 Ne4 Be7 10 Ne2 Nd7 11 00 f5 12 f6 Bxf6 13 Bxd5 Bxd5 14 Nxf6 Nxf6 15
6 Qxf6 16 Rxf6 Rf8 17 Rxf8 Kxf8 18 Nf4 Re8 19 Nxd5 exd5 20 Bh6 Kf7 21
Ke7 22 Re1 Kd7 23 Rxe8 kxe8 24 Kf2 b5 25 Ke3 c6 26 Kf4 Ke7 27 Ke5
0]

ICCF MATCH: USA vs. NORWAY

ame name: Silverman - Svendsen

d4 Nf6 2 Nc3 d5 3 e4 dxe4 4 f3 exf3 5 Nxf3 Bf5 6 Ne5 e6 7 g4 Bg6 8 h4
9 g5 Qxd4 10 Nxg6 hxg6 11 Qxf6 Nd7 12 fxg7 Bxg7 13 Bf4 000 14 Qxc6
6 15 Ba6 [1-0]

ame name: Nolan - Fengsrud

d4 Nf6 2 e3 e6 3 Bd3 d5 4 Nd2 c5 5 c3 Nc6 6 f4 Be7 7 Ngf3 0c7 8 Ne5
9 00 00 10 g4 Nrc8 11 g5 Ne8 12 Bxh7 Rf8 13 Qh5 Nxe5 14 fxe5 f5 15
[1-0]

Notes from all over by Michael Sprague

A TRIBUTE: I hear via B. Askvig, who heard it from S. Sorenson that Marv Strissel, longtime teacher from Alamo, ND and chessPlayer died not so long ago. I could only wish that "reports of his demise have been greatly exaggerated..." Marv was one of those perrenial optimists and a reliable victim. He would always come up to me and say, "Well, this time I am a-going to get you!" It never did happen in 3 different tries, but I always did like his friendly optimism.

N.D. CHESS: If what Somner says is true, N.D. could well be one of the few organizations that, having plenty of money, starts to suffer from lack of participation from its members. I thought his reasoning on why one plays chess to be excellent!

WRITING: Which, incidentally, is why I bother to write to the newsletter at all. It is not to expose some past opponent, to ridicule or humiliate, but to stimulate the old thinking processes (and the desire to play more chess!) You will have noticed that I have also sent in losses of mine that I felt were also interesting. I am always happy to have contributed.

IMPROVING: Do you want to improve your chess? Are you tired of those vicious 1800's tearing you apart with graceless ease? Want to try out a new line on someone to see what will happen without it costing you one full tournament point? May I suggest that if you cannot memorize all 5 volumes of ECO, you play in the ND Postal Tourney! It is the best way I know to get to play yours truly, without the bother of ever leaving your home. Take a look at LaMoyne Splichal. Has he ever improved. Ask Brent Askvig who got to try out a 3 century old line in the Queen's Indian (see Brent make marginal notes in his book on the QID!) I think I already know who is going to be the 1985 champ, but what about 1986? If you are game, we can use you!

CONT.: Also on the order of "to improve", I notice one player who crumples up and throws away his game scores when he loses. Sad mistake that. I remember Wayne Buxa telling me that a lot of his rapid improvement was due to his studying of his loses. By the way, just remember that points and ratings are a relative indication of strength. I would say that a certain Minot Player, 1800's rating, is currently playing 2000+ strength!

Next issue, watch for a CHESS MYSTERY!!

1985 N.D. Postal Championships

The standings in the 1985 Postal tourney are as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
Sprague	X	-	1	1	.5	-	2.5
Laux-Bach	-	X	-	1	-	-	1
Askvig	0	-	X	1	-	1	2
Wetsch	0	0	0	X	0	0	0
Splichal	.5	-	-	1	X	0	1.5
Loup	-	-	0	1	1	X	2

With only 6 games left, the title is still up for grabs!!

Grand Prix

Dave Rosley is in charge of the N.D. Grand Prix system. If you are a TD and have recently run a tournament, please report the results to Dave and to Brent.

New USCF Affiliate!!

The Jamestown Chess Club, under the leadership of Ron Schauer, has begun its quest to become one of North Dakota's top chess clubs. The club, just recently formed, has received its USCF affiliation and has a regular attendance of 10 - 12 members each meeting. Utilizing an innovative scheme (for ND anyway), the club charges $15.00 per year for a membership. The members automatically are given an NDCA membership from this amount. The rest is used for room rent and other chessalaneous needs. The officers for the Jamestown Chess Club are Ron Schauer, President; Lyle Hanson, Vice President; Kevin Beaver, Treasurer; and Tim Bratton, Secretary. Look for a few tournaments to come from this club in the future.

Taxco Interzonal

The FIDE interzonal chess tournament at the Hotel Monte Taxco in Taxco, Mexico completed the appointed rounds on July 4th, 1985 with the following four players qualifying for the upcoming candidates rounds:

1st	Jan Timman - Netherlands	12Pts
2nd	Jesus Nogueiras - Cuba	10.5
3rd	Mikhail Tal - USSR	10
4th	Kevin Spraggett - Canada	9

The USA players Lev Alburt and Robert Browne finished in 8th and 9th places with 7 pts and 6.5 pts, respectively. Raul O'Campo was the chief organizer for the event.

NDCA Chess Clubs

Did you ever wonder if there was a chess club near you? Take a look below and find one, then, go out and support chess!!

Central Dakota Chess Club
Wednesday 7:00PM - 10:00PM USCF Affiliate
Contact Jerry Triggs, 403 1st Ave. NW, Mandan ND Phone: 663-9212

Jamestown Chess Club
Wednesday 7:00PM - ? USCF Affiliate
1209 5th Ave. SE Jamestown ND
Contact Ron Schauer at 252-8446

The King's End Chess Club
Monday 6:30PM - ?
Student Center at Dickinson State College
Contact LaMoyne Splichal at 225-8395

Magic City Chess Club
Thursday 7:00PM - 10:00PM
Room 121, Old Main Bldg., Minot State College, Minot ND
Contact Brent Askvig at 838-7658 or 857-3063

Starry Night Chess Club
Thursday 7:00PM - ?
Contact Cameron Starr at 237-6140

In Praise of 30/30 Chess...

by Michael Sprague

It is far slower than the 5 minute game, and far faster than regular tournament chess. You either play it or you don't. What is it? Chess at 30 moves in 30 minutes. We recently held an informal 30/30 catch-as-catch can at the Magic City Chess Club. (Personally, I am not too good at it; but then, it is a lot of fun!)

You remember the game of Dale Flickinger's that was Published in the March 1985 issue of the newsletter, and you remember me saying that John Stanfield was just super solid? Here is a good example of the irresistable force meeting the immoveable object:

Flickinger (2056) - Stanfield (1872) MCCC 30/30 August, 1985
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 d:e 4.N:e4 Bf5 5.N93 B96 6.Bc4?! (Dale told me that a lot of Caro-Kann Players didn't know this line...OK by me!) Nf6 7.Nle2 e6 (One has to blunt the Power of that bishop.) 8.Nf4 (Obvious, but O-O is more solid or h4!? sharper.) Bd6 9.O-O Qc7 (Well, ol' John knows this line too!) 10.N:e6!? (Played with the obvious intent of rattling his opponent. Maybe John's solid style and Posture does that!) f:e6 11.B:e6 Nbd7 12.B:d7+ K:d7 13.B95 h5 (I would say things are obscure, unclear and complicated!) 14.h4 Raf8 15.f4 (Dale, as I can attest, has a certain affinity for Playing on the f file.) N94! 16.Qd2 Kc8 17.c4 Be7 18.Ne2 (All of a sudden, it seems as though White is wandering.) B:95 19.h:95 h4! (With a clear advantage.) 20.Rf3 Bf5 21.Raf1?! (But what else? d5??) Rh5! (White suffers from terminal constriction.) 22.93 Rfh8 23.9:h4 R:h4 24.N93 96 ("I have no need to rush or get excited..." song) 25.Rfe1 Qh7 ("Can I come knocking on your door?" song) 26.Kf1 Nh2+ 27.Ke2 B94! 28.Qe3 N:f3 ("Wake me uP when it's over.") 29.Kd3 N:e1+ 30.Q:e1 Rh3 31.Kc2 R:93 32.Q:93 Qh2+ ("Well that's enough fun and games for now" end song) 0 - 1

NDCA Tournaments

QUEEN CITY OPEN
September 7-8, 1985
Ivanhoe Inn, 22 East Villard, Dickinson ND 58601
2 Sections: Open (USCF rated) and Novice/Unrated (non-rated)
Entry Fee: Open - $12.00; Novice - $5.00
See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

BISMARCK OPEN
September ??
Contact Jerry Triggs, 403 1st Ave. NW Mandan, ND (701) 663-9212 for the date, Place, and time.

N.D. OPEN
October ??
Contact Cameron Starr at (701) 237-6140 or any other member of the FM Chess Council for the exact date, Place, and time.

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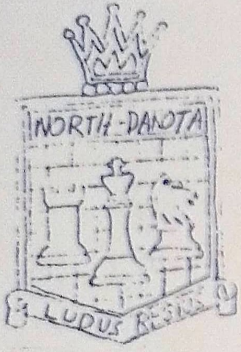

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